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CASE 1627D

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

COOKE, ET AL.

S.N. DIVISIONAL OF 08/945,722

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PLANT STARCH COMPOSITIONS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request the following preliminary amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

[On page 1, on a new line after the title line, add ~~-~~This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/945,722.~~-~~

Before the claims, insert ~~-~~We claim:~~-~~.